

**Use of Funds from School Food Service Account
to Pay for Lobbying**

Purpose:

This instruction sets forth the policy for using food service funds to pay for membership in any organization which devotes a substantial part of its activities to influencing legislation.

Scope:

Sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or the School Breakfast Program (SBP).

Description:

This prohibition applies to federal monies and school food service account monies directly or indirectly attributable to federally supported activities.

It is not an allowable program expense to use federal funds either direct or indirect, to pay for membership in any organization which devotes a substantial part of its activities to influencing legislation. This would include individual or organizational membership in professional food service associations.

SOURCE: OMB CIRCULAR A-87, ATTACHMENT B, ITEM B.19.a.(4) "COST PRINCIPALS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS."